Government procurement agencies upto 10.6.1997, which means an increase of 25% in the procurement price over the price paid in the previous season. Control Rooms have been set up both at State level as well as in the Ministry to make sure that no distress sale of wheat by farmers below the price fixed by the Government takes place. The procurement is progressing smoothly and a total quantity of 14.33 lakh tonnes and 5.11 lakh quantity of 14.33 lakh tonnes and 5.11 lakh tonnes of wheat has already been procured in Punjab and Haryana, respectively, upto 2.5.97.

(d) Under the Buffer stocking policy, an important plank of the plan for National Food Security, the Government has fixed minimum level of stock to be maintained by the public agencies on different dates. The buffer norms so fixed are used as trigger mechanism to increase the Central stocks through procurement or imports or decrease the same through open sale of foodgrains or export, depending on the actual stock level and the requirement of foodgrains for Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes etc. The minimum buffer stocks of foodgrains that should be maintained in the Central Pool are as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat
1st April of the year	108	37
1st July of the year	92	131
1st October of the year	60	106
1st January of the year	77	77

[Translation]

Per-Capita Income

4775. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the per-capita income of different States/Union Territories, as compared to the National per-capita income during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to increase the per capita income; and

(c) the names of the States whose per-capita income is below the national per-capita income and the names of the States whose per-capita income is above the national per-capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The States/Union Territory-wise per capita income as measured by the per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) at constant price alongwith All-India per capita Net National Product (NNP) and per cpaita National Domestic Product at factor cost at constant prices for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) The State Governments are implementing development plans for increasing income. The Central Government provide Central Assistance for State Plans according to a formula in which higher weightage is given to the States which have lower per capita income.

(c) Owing to the difference in source materials used, figures of per capita income of States/Union Territories are not strictly comparable.

Statement

State/UT-wise per capita net State domestic product at constant prices (as on 1.4.1997)

(Rs.)

Sl. No.	State / UT	Per capita NSDP at 1980-81 prices during 1993-94 (P)	1994-95 (P)	1995-96 (Q)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1871	1839	1913
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3369	3426	3592
3.	Assam	1583	1602	1593
4.	Bihar	1034	1098	1149
5.	Goa	5459	5341	-
6.	Gujarat	2960	3293	3172
7.	Haryana	3498	3674	3670
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2315	2395	2518
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1832	-	-
10.	Karnataka	2394	2420	2425
11.	Kerala	2114	2246	2353
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1731	1749	1784
13.	Maharashtra	4057	4227	4500
14.	Manipur	1921	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	1698	1835	1714
16.	Nagaland	2170	-	-
17.	Orissa	1543	1569	1630

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Punjab	4022	4121	4175
19.	Rajasthan	1790	2088	2051
20.	Sikkim	-	-	-
21.	Tamil Nadu	2498	2656	2676
22.	Tripura	1876	-	-
23.	Uttar Pradesh	1617	1641	1666
24.	West Bengal	2437	2525	2668
25.	A & N Islands	3004	3081	-
26.	Delhi	5940	6225	-
27.	Pondicherry	3325	-	-
All India	Per Capita NNP	2334	2449	2573
	Per Capita NDP	2391	2518	2648

Q.-Quick Estimates, P- Provisional - not made available by the state concerned

NNP - Net National Product; NDP - Net Domestic Product.

Source: Directorate of Economic & Statistics of respective State Governments through C.S.O. for NSDP and C.S.O. for NNP & NDP.

Note: 1. Owing to difference in source material used, the figures for different States/UTs are not strictly comparable

2. The UTs of Chandigarh, Dadara & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep do not prepare NSD not P estimates. Mizoram prepares NSDP estimates at current prices only.

Agriculture Development Centres

4776. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from the Members of Parliament and State Governments for setting up of Agriculture Development centres, State-wise; and

(b) the names of the States where such centres have been setup during the last six months indicating the number of such centres set up so far in each State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No such applications have been received.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Projects for Approval

4777. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects of West Bengal are lying pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, since when and the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not according approval to these projects and the time by which these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) No project of West Bengal is pending for approval with the Planning Commission.

Maradia Chemicals

4778. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maradia Chemicals a unit in Surendranagar district was closed down by the order of Gujarat High Court and State Pollution Control Bord as effluent of the industries had severely polluted the waters of villages pond and nearby irrigation project;

(b) if so, whether later on, on the basis of report of NEERI - a Central Government Organisation, Supreme Court has permitted to restart its units on certain conditions;

(c) if so, the main recommendations of the report of NEERI; and

(d) the reaction of the Government and the steps taken to control the pollution in the area?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Mardia Chemicals Limited, Sayala, Surender Nagar, Gujarat was closed by the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, *vide* order dated 11.7.96 due to pollution of village pond and the Sabori Dam water.

The matter was heard in the Hon'ble Supreme Court who ordered, *vide* dated 5.8.96 that the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) should inspect jointly and submit the report. The Joint Inspection Team visited the plant on 20th and 21st August, 1996 and submitted report on 31.8.96 to the Hon'ble Supreme Court.